

Appl. No. 09/938,205
Amdt. dated Friday, September 24, 2004
Reply to Official Action of June 25, 2004

Remarks

The nonfinal Office Action, dated June 28, 2004, has been carefully considered. The claims have been amended to more clearly set forth the Applicants' contributions to the art and do not introduce new matter into the disclosure of the invention. Claims 1-11,14-68,70,71 and 74-77 are pending in the application. Claims 74-77 are allowed. Claims 1-4,7,9-11,14-22,24-28,30-52,56-64,66-68,70 and 71 are rejected. Claims 5,6,8,23,29,53-55 and 65 are objected to as being dependent upon rejected claims but the Examiner has indicated that these claims would be patentable if re-written in dependent for to included all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1-4, 7, 9-22, 24-28, 30-52, 56-64, and 66-73 have now been canceled. Claims 5,6,8,23,29,53-55 and 65 have now been amended and rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the claims as amended and presented before the Examiner are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. It is believed that no extra fees are due for the claims. However, the Assistant Commissioner for Patents is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Frost Brown Todd LLC Deposit Account No. 06-2226.

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